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The Legislative Assembly for 1849 was convened at Honolulu on the 30th of April. The King was absent on one of his visits to Lahaina, and the Premier, John Young, met the Chiefs and Representatives at Mannakilika near the old Fort, and about where Mr. West's carringe factory now stands. The principal business of the session, according to previous understanding, was to have been the consideration of the new Penal Code, prepared by Judge Lee; but it was stated by Mr. Young to be as yet unfinished in the native version. Consequently the Assembly adjourned without transacting any business, to meet at such time as the King might appoint, or, as was the case, in the session of 1850. The views of most Protestant Christians

in regard to the importance of "keeping the Sabbath day holy," were more rigid three or four decades ago than they are to-day. Or perhaps we should say that they are less inclined to demonstrate their opinions in the matter. The Missionary Fathers at these Islands inherited largely the Puritan ideas as to the observance of the day, as was evidenced in their instruc-tions to the people from the pulpit and in the first code of laws enacted here under their advice. The Statute Laws of 1840, (now commonly known as "the Blue Book"), p. 196, recognized "The religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ * * as the established religion of the land," and it was provided, at p. 197, Statute Laws, 1845, that "It shall not be lawful to violate the Christian Sabbath by the transaction of worldly business;" and pains and penalties were annexed to all such violations, and to all acts which disturbed the peace and quiet of the holy day. But these laws, which at first were

strictly enforced, especially in the remote districts, had in 1849 to a considerable ex-tent come to be regarded as obsolete, and at the general annual meeting of the missionaries at Honolulu in the month of May, a lengthy memorial was prepared and signed by them to the number of thirty-five persons, headed by Asa Thurston and G. P. Gulick, and addressed to Mr. Armstrong, the Minister of Public Instruction, as the one appointed under the laws to "superintend the moral and intellectual well being of all who reside within the jurisdiction of this Kingdom." (Old Laws, p. 196) In the memorial they say:

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"We rejoice that this Government has,
in the clearest manner, sanctioned the
Christian Sabbath as one of the perpetual
institutions of the 'established religion of
the Hawaiian Islands,' * * Nor would we doubt that the officers whose duty it is to watch over the public morals and to guard the peace of the community, under-stand the nature and feel the solemnity of the onth they have taken, or that they will shrink from the most faithful discharge of their official duties. It is possible, however, that they may not be aware to how great an extent the Sabbath is being violated in the very heart of this Kingdom, in the selling of meat and vegetables, and in the towing in of ships, to say nothing of the letting of horses, riding for pleasure, and other recreations. As it relates to vending of beef, regetables, etc., we feel that these are 'business transactions' directly contra-vening both the spirit and the letter of the law, and that they cannot be defended or palliated by any arguments of necessity or right. In the same light do we look upon the practice of hiring men and boats, and the towing in of ships on the Lord's day, except in cases of distress. * * * We feel that we shall do injustice to our own hearts, to the nation for whose good we labor, to the churches and benefactors we represent, and, above all, to the Great Head of the Church whose ambassadors we are, should we do less than to lay this subject before the Hawaiian Government, praying them in their wisdom, their integrity, and their high regard for the blessings of Christianity and the best interests of the Hawaiian nation, to take such measures as they shall deem discreet to put a stop to the evils herein specified, and which, if not soon checked, must inundate the land with immorality and greatly retard all

wholesome improvements among the peo-ple." The memorial was laid by Mr. Armstrong before the Privy Council, which voted that "The Minister of the Interior be requested to bring the subject before the several Governors, and to instruct them to enforce the laws respecting selling on the Sabbath, and other desecrations of the day."

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In the country, and more particularly in remote districts, the Sunday law was quite strictly observed. I remember as late as the year 1851, that an elderly native woman in Kona, Hawaii, made a great outery and called the police to arrest me because I was bathing in the sea on Sunday. But the limbs of the law said I was a foreigner and probably didn't know any better. and probably didn't know any better. At Lahaina and Honolulu, however,—although for a time after the circumstance of the memorial, some show was made of of the memorial, some show was made of attempting to enforce the law—public opinion was against its rigid execution, and it was not long before fresh beef and vegetables were again sold on Sunday mornings, and ships brought into port.

Up to the year 1852 there was no prohibition in the license laws against the sale of liquors on Sundays, although the statute anthorized the Minister of the Interior to prescribe definite rules and regulations to be observed by the vendors. Presumably one of the rules thus prescribed was that the holders of licenses to sell by the glass alone should close their bars on Sundays, which they invariably did, while the other which they invariably did, while the other class of retailers, who were licensed to sellby the bottle only, kept open on Sundays, and drove a better business on those "holy days" than on week days. On the 1st of July, 1852, a new Act went into effect providing that no person licensed to sell spirits should sell or furnish the same from the hour of 10 o'clock of each Saturday evening until the hour of 5 o'clock of the Monday morning following. This ha-remained the law ever since; but previous remained the law ever since; but previous to that date, Sanday in Honolulu was to many a day of debauch and a pretty sure prelude to a "blue Monday." By the law previous to 1854, the licenses to sell by the glass were annually put up at auction to the highest bidder; but as it was found that generally those in the business reads. the highest bidder; but as it was found that generally those in the business made an amicable arrangement among themselves whereby they got their licenses for a comparatively small sum, the Legislature of that year passed an Act abolishing the distinction between "bottle" and "glass" licenses, and placing the price of licenses at \$1000 each.

Early in May 1849 H. R. M. S. Headt.

at \$1000 each.

Early in May, 1849, H. B. M. S. Herold,
Capt. Henry Kellett, C. B., arrived at
Honolulu from Costa Rica. She left England in June, 1845, and had, up to her arrival here, been a visitor to a great number
of points in the Pacific. Among other duties performed by this ship during her

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long cruise, was a voyage to Kamschatka and to Kotzebue's Sound, in connection with the exploring ship Power and the brig Pandera, to be in readiness to communicate with and relieve the wants of Sir John Franklin, in case he should have succeeded in finding his way through from the east. The *Heraid*, it was estimated, had sailed be tween 50,000 and 60,000 miles since leaving England. After returning home an inter-esting book was published in London by Berthold Seemann, the naturalist, giving

an account of the voyage; it may found in the Hawaiian Government Library.

During the same month of May, arrived Im from Callao, H. B. M. S. Amphitrite, Capt. Thos. Rodney Eden. There was a remarkable difference between these two British naval commanders, who were here about the same time, both in their personal ap-pearance and manner of life. Captain Kellett was a perfect specimen of the tra-ditional tar; short, stout, bronzed, cheery and hearty in manner, and wore a short jacket and short waisted trowsers; in fact, there was no more of the fine gentleman about him, as he waddled on his sea-legs about our streets, than there was in one of his sailors from before the mast. Captain Eden, on the other hand, though as far as possible from effeminacy, and a thorough sailer, was tall and good looking, and quite the lady's man. Besides, he was not only somewhat of a bon vicont, but an ardent lover of horse-racing. Through his influ-ence and example, during the stay of his ship in port of some eight weeks, the sport of "flat" and "hurdle" racing was carried on vigorously on the plains east of the town, where almost every afternoon, and town, where almost every afternoon, and always on Saturdays, crowds of natives and foreigners gathered. There was a good deal of betting going on the plains east of the Importer and Dealer in Dry and Fancy Goods. Boots, Shoes, &c.,

At the Great Eastern Store, No. ex Fort St., Henchia 53 by good deal of betting going on, of course, but nothing like the downright gambling that we hear of in later days. The "gallant Captain" lived on shore and occupied and kept open house in the old "Skinner premises," on Nuuanu street, corner of Chaplain street, of which Mr. Wyllie was the owner, and which he christened " Eden Place," in compliment to the Captain. The residents gave the Captain and his officers (who were just as jolly fellows as himself) a grand ball, and the Captain responded with one to the residents, and Mr. Wyllie gave a big dinner, and then the Captain gave a party on board his ship; and besides there were luans and loda parties in

the Valley—and altogether things were lively during the Amphitrite's stay. In June arrived the U. S. S. Ohio, Commodore Stribling, and left again for California after a short stay. She mounted 90 guns, and was the last of the old-fashioned 2 three-deckers ever seen in these waters. Among her lieutenants was J. J. Almy, now Admiral, and who was here not long

since in the Pensacola, On the 23d of June died the high chief Kelijahonui, the last lienal descendant of the Kings of Kauai. He was the husband of the high chiefess Kekauonohi, who subsequently married Levi Haalelea, and died

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